

Captain Lussier's entire civilian career as an attorney has been in support of the Department of Defense (DoD). After admission to the California Bar in 1972, he joined the Navy's Office of General Counsel (OGC) as a civilian attorney in the Naval Supply Systems Command. He completed major field assignments as Counsel, Naval Regional Procurement Office in Naples, Italy and Counsel, Naval Regional Contracting Center in the Washington Navy Yard. In 1985, he was appointed General Counsel, American Forces Information Service. IN 1992, he joined the Defense Logistics Agency's Office of General Counsel as an Associate General Counsel.

Captain Lussier's 40-year career of service to the United States stands apart for its caliber of dedication and care. Doing his job has never been enough for Captain Lussier; he has always wanted to do more, and then done it. Helping others along the way is another of his trademarks. Through patient nurturing, training, trust, and teaching, Captain Lussier has steadfastly enabled others who, in turn, help enrich the U.S. Naval Reserve, the U.S. Navy, and the DoD, thereby ensuring its continued performance in the proud tradition of excellence.

Captain Lussier's distinguished career has been celebrated with numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal (two times), Navy Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Award, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the 107th Congress join Captain Lussier's wife Peggy, and his two sons, Damon and Aaron, in honoring Normand V. Lussier as he turns over command of RIA-19 and soon retires from the United States Naval Reserve.

#### HONORING ETHYL KELHAM

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Ethyl Kelham on being an outstanding teacher. Ethyl has been an inspiration to many and has helped many children throughout the various stages of their academic careers. At the age of 74, Ethyl has decided to retire and we wish her the best of luck.

Ethyl worked in public school system for 25 years and helped support Pueblo Headstart during her time there. When she left the School District, she joined the Montessori Network and opened her own school about 15 years ago. The Pueblo Montessori School began at the Unitarian Fellowship where Byron Kelham, Ethyl's husband, was the minister. Ethyl's school then moved into a rented space and two years ago entered a new building.

Some funding problems hindered the further development of the school and have since caused it to close. However, Ethyl will con-

tinue teaching since she will home school her two grandchildren. Touching people's hearts and minds compelled Ethyl to continue teaching and sparked the light of learning in many students. She has watched many children flourish intellectually and follow their dreams. Ethyl Kelham is retiring to spend more time with her family—time well deserved.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Ethyl for her hard work and dedication to the teaching profession. Her formidable efforts deserve the praise and admiration of us all. I would like to thank her for her many years of service and congratulate her on her retirement.

#### FAREWELL

#### HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2001*

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, some come to Washington with optimism, hope, and great expectations. Some of these same people leave Congress with pessimism, dismay, and a weaker spirit.

I am not such a person.

Tomorrow, I will be leaving public service after seven years in the United States Congress to return to my home in Northwest Florida.

In the coming months and years, I will certainly miss the rewards of working beside ordinary Americans called to serve in this House during extraordinary times. But as I leave, I believe like Ronald Reagan, that "America's greatest days lie ahead. And I see great days ahead for men and women of will and vision."

And let me tell you why I leave Congress full of hope for our great country and its people. During the last 7 years, the Congress has eliminated the budget deficit, it has reformed the Great Society Programs of the 1960's, including, of course, our nation's outdated welfare system, and, most importantly, it has restored the faith of people in their government.

The Conservative revolution of 1994, the government shutdown, the budget battles with President Clinton, the military excursions into the Balkans, the Impeachment proceedings, and the turbulent election challenge of 2000 have all weighed heavily upon our Republic. But while any one of these political events could have been the cause for political bloodshed in distant capitals, in America, each challenge was faced by Congress and the public with understanding and maturity.

That is not to say that each crisis did not cause emotions to spill onto this floor. But at the end of each political chapter, Americans absorbed the trying events and moved forward.

Despite the self-interested cries from special interest groups and leaders of both parties, a Republican Congress worked with a Democratic President to balance the budget, to reform welfare, to stop the raiding of America's social security trust fund and to pass a military health care bill that goes a long way toward keeping the promise made to America's servicemen and their families. And while I was disappointed by President Clinton's attempts to derail most of the legislation we ultimately

passed, I recognize that the American people elected him to the presidency to be more than a rubber stamp for a Republican Congress.

I am proudest of my band of brothers and sisters who were elected together in 1994, fought the president in 1995 and 1996, and then faced down our own party leaders who sought a speedy retreat from the core principles that brought us to the majority in 1994.

Together we stood shoulder to shoulder, faced down powerful forces, and made a difference in Congress.

More importantly than balancing the budget, reforming welfare or changing the culture of Congress, the class of 1994 changed the debate in Washington over our budget priorities. No longer do presidents project deficits as far as the eye can see. No longer do Senators and Congressmen spend billions first and ask questions later. No longer do politicians stuffed with trillions of dollars in tax revenue make the claim that another tax increase is needed to bring balance to the budget process.

Today, the values espoused by both parties center around fewer taxes, responsible spending, and a greater reliance on local authority.

Perhaps too few in Congress really believe Jefferson's statement that the government that governs least, governs best. But today, more than anytime in seventy-five years, politicians' fear of political retribution at the voting booth prevents them from casting America forth into a sea of red ink.

That simple political fact at the beginning of a new American century will be our lasting legacy.

My family, my friends, and my dedicated staff are owed my deepest gratitude on this night, as are the people of Florida's First Congressional District. They had the faith to send an untested 31-year old novice to Washington to represent their interests and views in Congress.

When I won my first campaign, I did so with the simple pledge that I would speak my mind, vote my conscience, and stand up and shout "no" when everyone was mindlessly saying "yes."

I kept my word, fought the good fight, and worked hard for the cause of less government and greater individual liberty.

Two hundred and twenty-five years later, that remains the legacy of Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and our other founding fathers. And tonight, on the occasion of my retirement from this great institution, it is my hope that if anyone cares to remember my work here in the future as a footnote to some greater story, perhaps my legacy will be that I contributed in some small way to the elevation of the individual over the power of the state.

I may be leaving Congress, but I won't be silent. I will continue to fight for common sense values that all Americans understand. I feel passionate about many issues and I will continue to speak out and be heard.

I pray tonight that the Lord that George Washington prayed to during the Revolutionary War, and the God that Abraham Lincoln turned to during America's darkest hours, will continue to bless this great city on a hill that still shines brightly for all the world to see.

May God bless America!